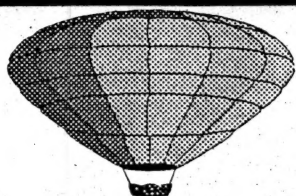


# VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS



## CHURCH RETREAT

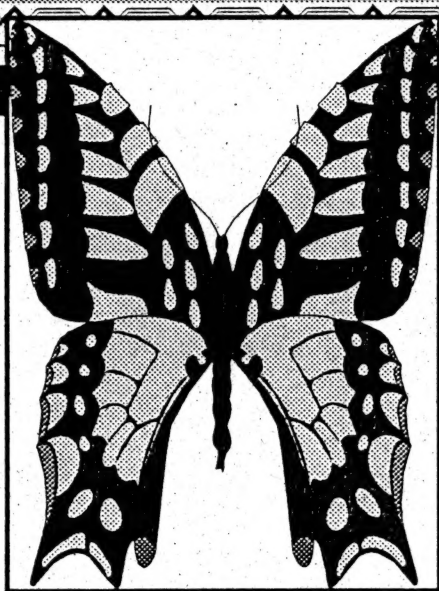
**I**t seems that everyone is again looking forward to the next retreat. This one will be held on the weekend beginning Friday night 12th Nov. 1993. Set in the beauty of the Numinbah Valley at Camp Bornhoffen this retreat is a reasonably priced getaway for the weekend.

The retreats are an event most people try not to miss. They raise opportunities for new and renewed friendships. This retreat's theme is

### JOY

Jesus Christ  
Others  
and Yourself !

See the attached pamphlet for more details.



## FLY WITH CHRIST !

**T**wo caterpillars sat watching a butterfly flitting overhead.

After some time, one caterpillar said to the other, "You wouldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars !" Of course, the unsuspecting little caterpillar was unaware that he was gazing on his own destiny. Christ came to turn earthbound caterpillars into heavenbound butterflies through the fullness of His Life.

FLY WITH CHRIST !



## WHY NOT HAVE A COFFEE WITH FRIENDS AFTER THE ENGLISH LITURGY !

**P**lease don't just dash off after the English Liturgy. If you've got time why not come and have a coffee after the Liturgy. After every Liturgy on Saturday evening (6.30 - 7.30 pm) tea and coffee is served in the Respite Centre for the congregation. This provides an opportunity for us all to socialise and get to know one another. Already there have been many friendships sparked from this regular meeting place. If you can spare some time after the Liturgy, please stop in for a chat. We would love to see you there some time !

# NO GREATER LOVE

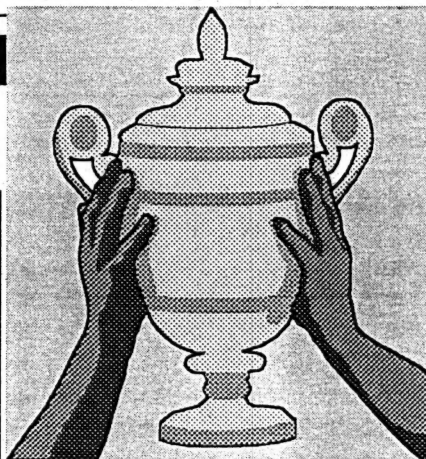
**G**reater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

[John 15:13]

In a world of escalating violence and insensitivity to human suffering, where children die at the hands of their own parents, the words of Jesus are extremely poignant.

Which of us can say with confidence that they know someone who loves them enough to die for them? Very few of us, I'd wager. Perhaps someone may be fortunate to have a very loving parent or spouse who would, for them, perform the ultimate sacrifice. But, would a friend do so? A neighbour? A stranger? Further, one may ask, are we worth dying for? Could we honestly expect anyone to willingly give up their life just to save us?

Yet someone has!  
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." [John 3:16]



THIS IS NOT SOME QUAIN FORMULA OR FAIRYTALE. THIS IS THE UNCOMPROMISING PROCLAMATION OF THE CHURCH FOR THE LAST 2000 YEARS!

When our foreparents, Adam and Eve, rejected God and embraced sin, with all its consequences (including illness and death), God's love and mercy abounded. They were naked and God clothed them. They had become slaves to sin and He promised them a deliverer (the "seed of the woman" referred to in Genesis 3:15), a child born of a virgin who would one day destroy the hold that sin has on the world; and reunite God and Humanity.

Who is the deliverer? It is God the Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Our own Creator! He took on flesh through the Virgin Mary and became a man. He lived and taught among us.

He did more than simply talk about God. Through His words, saving actions, and love He showed us God!

Jesus' love for humanity took Him to the Cross. It was necessary that Christ share not only in our life but also in our death, that is, in the fullness of our existence. Now we, as His disciples, may one day share in His Resurrection!

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!



**DID YOU KNOW ?**  
**Dr. Simon Greenleaf, an internationally renowned legal mind, concluded that the resurrection of Christ is one of the best supported events in history, in accordance with the laws of acceptable evidence in legal cases !**

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT.



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**NATIONAL YOUTH  
CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 1994**

**MAILING LIST**

## "As a person thinks, so is he."

[Proverbs 23:7]

Today I Will think like a  
servant of God.

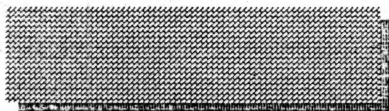
I will keep my thought  
processes active and open to  
the voice of God.

I cannot fail as long as I am  
doing His Will, allowing Him to  
work in and through me.

Today I will think like the  
Apostle Paul when he said...

"I can do all things through  
Christ who strengthens me."

[Phil 4:13]



## RESOURCE CENTRE

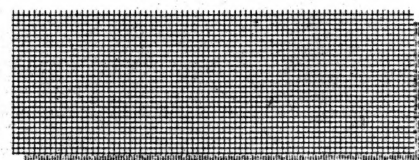
is an Orthodox  
Christian Library  
open every Tuesday  
**7.30 - 9.30 PM**  
upstairs in the  
Admin building at  
Saint George's.

**A**s many people would  
be aware, Brisbane  
will host the sixth National  
Youth Conference to be held  
on the 23rd - 26th January  
1994. The theme of the  
Conference will be a focus on  
the moral and social values of  
society in comparison to those  
of the Christian Faith. Present  
will be an international guest  
speaker. Presentations will be  
in English and held at the  
facilities of the Greek  
Orthodox Church of St.  
George, Brisbane. Other  
aspects of the conference  
include worship, group  
workshops, panel discussions,  
luncheons and dinners, and  
other various social activities.  
Further information and a  
registration form will be  
provided when available.

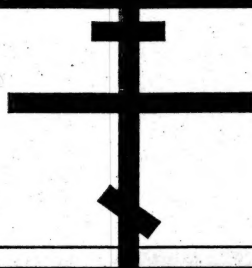
**L**eading up to the  
conference, the organising  
committee has worked  
endlessly fundraising. Two  
fundraisers to keep in mind  
are, **English Liturgy and  
BBQ at Southside Parish on  
Sunday 31 October**; and the  
**Quiz Master Penklis Trivia  
Night at the Welfare Centre  
Friday 5 November 7.30pm.**  
Form a team of 4-6 people  
and come along or join a  
group there.

**J**UST A REMINDER,  
IF YOU KNOW OF  
SOMEONE WHO WOULD  
LIKE TO BE ON OUR  
MAILING LIST PLEASE  
ENCOURAGE THEM TO  
LEAVE THEIR NAME AND  
ADDRESS FOR THE  
**VOICE IN THE  
WILDERNESS**

AT THE CANDLE DESK  
AT CHURCH. IF ABOUT  
TO CHANGE YOUR  
ADDRESS PLEASE LET US  
KNOW AND WE CAN  
UPDATE OUR RECORDS.  
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY  
THE NEWSLETTER.



A new order of books on the  
Orthodox Faith have arrived.  
These are now available for  
purchase after the English  
Liturgy every Saturday Night,  
during our coffee and tea  
fellowship. **Take advantage!**



# GOING HOME - TO REST...

**I** have felt the tangible hand of God on my shoulder,  
Often ignoring the comfort which was offered,  
I've stumbled through the darkness, choosing pain instead as my companion,  
And wondering why my life has been forsaken.

**T**he invitation has always been there - the choice to rise beyond the clouds of fatalism,  
To turn, dive and soar through the structural imposition,  
Like the pure hearted crow Who never allows its own beauty to be misaligned by the visual perception of blackness.

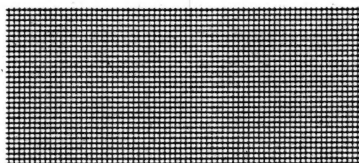
**A**nd like the crow,  
We are all descendants of the forcibly transplanted.  
Continuum of the body Community,

Broken - we have choice to maintain the isolation,  
Or reconnect - once again to form Church.

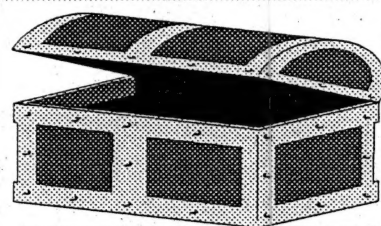
**I** have come close to stepping away forever  
And this has scared me.  
To follow the face of the spiritually punch drunk  
Or the face of the clear hearted... Which will it be ?  
I must remember my whys, and be still,  
Until my hows, guide my heart - placing it in God's Palm.

**I** long for the Strength  
To ensure I pursue this;  
Otherwise the evolution of my soul is jeopardised  
And this, I know...can easily come to be.

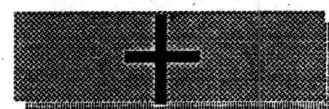
[A Poem by Vas Theodorakis  
10 October 1993]



TREASURES  
FROM THE FATHERS  
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**A**bba Macarius was asked, "How should we pray ?" He replied, "There is no need to speak much in prayer; stretch out your hands and say, 'Lord, as you will and as you know, have mercy on me'.  
{Abba Macarius}



**W**herever you be, have God always before your eyes; whatever you do, do it according to the Testimony of Holy Scripture...

{Abba Anthony}

